World Federation of Athletic Training & Therapy

Uniting International AT Associations across the globe
“We are involved in all parts of the rehabilitation process from acute to end stage and return to training. I work with elite practitioners and have to be at the top of my game every day.”

Danny Fishwick, Sport Rehabilitator at Wolves FC, UK
Member of BASRaT

World Federation of Athletic Training / Therapy

WFATT provides international leadership and collaboration in the healthcare profession of Athletic Training / Athletic Therapy to optimize the health of active populations.

WFATT links 48 member associations across 12 countries in 4 different continents.

Athletic Training / Athletic Therapy
A unique and highly qualified healthcare profession that is increasingly represented across the globe.

Our aim is to promote the profession, cultivate collaboration and highlight the education content to create a truly global presence.
WFATT represents Associations of Athletic Trainers / Therapists across the world

Mission Statement:
Provide leadership, cultivate collaboration and champion the Athletic Training / Therapy profession globally and contribute to a healthier world.

Vision:
Athletic Training / Therapy is an integral member of the international healthcare community.

Values:
Passion - Diversity - Integrity - Collaboration - Leadership

Strategic Goals:
- Promote Athletic Training / Therapy globally
- Disseminate knowledge and skills
- Engage WFATT membership
- Facilitate collaboration
- Optimize organizational effectiveness
- Nurture our social consciousness

Scope of Responsibility
- Establish international relations with countries and organizations interested in developing the AT profession.
- Promote the International Arrangement for Athletic Training and Therapy (IA) to other countries in addition to the current members.
- Establish and strengthen relationships with other international sports organizations.

“I oversee the entire sports medicine department at KU – we want to be cutting edge and on the front end of everything. I interact with the athletic training students – being a good mentor, I love every day, working in the environment.”

Murphy Grant, Owner, Grant Sports Performance & Therapy
(Image of previous role as Head Athletic Trainer, University of Kansas, USA)
WFATT's World Congress
Collaboration, discussion and current research

Working together to enhance the Athletic Training / Therapy profession globally.

Leadership Summit
The three day conference begins with a World Federation Leadership Summit bringing together WFATT strategic partners to discuss current projects, barriers to progress and brainstorm productive collaborations for the growth of the AT profession worldwide. Representatives attend from the US, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

World Congress program
The extensive World Congress program include keynote lectures, hands-on workshops, breakout sessions and abstracts of clinical research submitted by clinicians across the globe.

The summit enriches communication and collaboration between WFATT member organisations to enhance the profession internationally.

WFATT and the International Agreement
WFATT aided the formation of the International Agreement which enables ATs to work overseas.

ATs can apply to work abroad through a certification exam set by the chosen association, ensuring that each applicant reaches the standards of education required. The process assures comparable best practices, quality education and professional standards.

“I love athletic training and I mean I love it, the daily challenges and rewards that come from taking an injured athlete, developing a rehab plan and then seeing the smile on their face when they recover and return to play is the greatest feeling in the world.

Rick Griffin, Seattle Mariners, US
Member of NATA
Benefit from WFATT’s Expertise

WFATT can provide support of:

✓ Your organization’s prevention and care of sport injuries procedures
✓ Recruitment of Athletic Training / Therapy professionals for major games
✓ Educational material for athletes, coaches and officials on topics including:
  - Concussion in Sport
  - Prevention of heat related injuries
  - Prevention of ACL injuries
  - Emergency planning from youth to elite
  - Plus many, many more
✓ Promote the values and principles of your organization
✓ Promote and support research and data collection leading to enhanced prevention and care strategies.

“If there is a medical emergency, we have planned and practiced the situation in advance. We are calm under pressure and can save lives.”

Anne Slater, Athletic Trainer at Byron Center High School, USA
Member of NATA
Athletic Trainers / Therapists (ATs) are highly qualified, multi-skilled healthcare professionals who are credentialed to prevent, examine, diagnose, treat and rehabilitate injuries and medical conditions.

**Athletic Trainers / Athletic Therapists:**

- **Focus on preventing injury and promoting health through education, biomechanical analysis, strengthening, along with other evidence-based methods.**
- Develop and implement comprehensive, injury prevention-based strength and conditioning programs.
- Respond to, assess and treat injuries, illnesses, and ongoing medical conditions.
- Acutely respond to and manage emergent injuries and conditions that occur during athletic practices and events.
- Rehabilitate injuries from the moment they happen until the patient returns to play or activity.
- Have expertise in the recognition and management of concussions.

“As warfighters seek human performance excellence to protect the security of our country, there exists an intense demand on the Military Athletic Trainer to optimize the resiliency, durability, sustainability, toughness and lethality capabilities of the warfighter.”

Diana Settles, MAT, ATC, Warfighter Wellness - Physical Optimization Program Manager, US, Member of NATA for 31 years
We specialise in treating and managing all musculoskeletal conditions, from acute sporting injuries to long-term management of conditions like osteoarthritis. We are there to get our patients back to their best, be it performing and competing or enjoying life pain-free and fit.”

Lindsey Whitaker, Sport Rehabilitator, Owner of Elite Physio and Therapy, UK Member of BASRaT

Working Environments

Athletic trainers work in a variety of environments;
- Professional sports teams and alongside elite athletes
- Rehabilitation clinics, doctors offices and hospitals
- Occupational health and industrial settings
- High schools, colleges and universities
- Performing arts
- Military
- Research and development
- Consultancy in health issues and guidance

Athletic Trainers / Therapists forge new paths into different fields due to their versatility, variety of knowledge and skill sets.

Degree Education and Experience

Degrees in AT are offered at the undergraduate or graduate level through professional programs at accredited institutions. All programs include extensive, immersive clinical experiences prior to graduation.

Part of the Multi-disciplinary Team

Athletic Trainers / Therapists work in collaboration with other healthcare providers for optimal care of the Patient, including referrals to other members of the healthcare team when necessary.

At’s work and collaborate with surgeons, physicians, nutritionists, strength and conditioning specialists, psychologists, physician assistants, chiropractors, family medicine doctors, parents, coaches and other athletic trainers / therapists.
WFATT's Members and Associate Members

WFATT works with, represents and guides Associations across the globe